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Miss Anne Warren Weston
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Miss A. W. Weston
Weymouth –

Dear Miss Weston,

I owe you many apologies for not having before answered your letter, but I have none to give except that I have continually resolved to write to you &, as often, delayed doing so.

I enclose ten dollars in aid of the Liberty Bell, but as, in similar cases, I have felt it a duty to enter a sort of disclaimer with your Sister, lest I should seem to assume a virtue I have not, I feel bound to say to you – that I have never been, nor am I, of the Abolition Party; although, instead of opposition to it, I have always entertained the highest respect for its courage, talent, perseverance, & consistency. Indeed, it is the only truly honest party with which I am acquainted; and if I do not approve all that it says & does, it is because I think its means are not always conducive to the righteous end it has in view.

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It has been the pioneer to whatever good feeling there may be now moving in the free States in regard to Slavery, and to its unwearied exertions may be attributed the existence of a new political party, from which I shall hope something when it thinks more of principle & permanent good than of availability & present triumph.

Whatever lukewarmness there may be in me is abundantly atoned for in the zeal & activity of my wife. She has sent out the "fiery cross" & there have been great gatherings of the Clans. I am not deep in the mysteries of stitching & hemming, but I can assert, from personal observation, that there has been such an agitation of thimbles & knitting needles as promises mighty things for the coming Fair.

I trust you will meet all the success you hope for – and with much sympathy for the trials & additional responsibility to which you are subjected in the absence of your able & excellent sister – I am very respectfully

your obedt servt.

G. R. Russell

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